

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Claim 1 (Previously presented):** A method of voice communication comprising:  
providing an earpiece having a housing and a plurality of microphones within the earpiece  
housing;  
selecting at least one of the plurality of microphones within the housing of the earpiece;  
receiving a selected voice communication of a first language from the selected microphones;  
translating the selected voice communication from the first language to a second language, the  
second language different from the first to create a translated voice communication; and  
transducing the translated voice communication at a speaker within the earpiece unit.

**Claim 2 (Original):** The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of microphones is a directional microphone.

**Claim 3 (Original):** The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting the voice communication of a first language to a translation station and receiving the translated voice communication from the translation station.

**Claim 4 (Original):** The method of claim 1 wherein the step of translating is performed by a processor disposed within the earpiece.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of microphones includes a front facing microphone, a rear facing, and a side facing microphone.

**Claim 6 (Original):** The method of claim 1 wherein the second language is English.

**Claim 7 (Original):** The method of claim 1 wherein the first language is English and the second language is different from the first language.

**Claim 8 (Original):** The method of claim 1 wherein the earpiece is nonocclusive.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of selecting is manually selecting.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of selecting is automatically selecting.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising scanning each of the plurality of microphones.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A method of voice communication comprising:  
providing an earpiece having a housing and having a plurality of microphones within the housing  
and a speaker within the housing;  
selecting one of the plurality of microphones of the earpiece;  
receiving a selected voice communication of a first language from the selected microphone;  
transmitting the selected voice communication from the earpiece unit to a translation device  
using a short range transmitter;  
translating the selected voice communication at the translation device from the first language to a  
second language, the second language different from the first to create a translated voice  
communication;  
transmitting the translated voice communication from the translation device to the earpiece unit  
using a short range transmitter;  
transducing the translated voice communication at the speaker within the earpiece.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A method of voice communication comprising:  
providing an earpiece having a housing and having a plurality of microphones within the  
housing;  
selecting one of the plurality of microphones of an earpiece unit;  
receiving a selected voice communication of a first language from the selected microphones;  
transmitting the selected voice communication from the earpiece unit using a short range  
transmitter;

receiving the selected voice communication with a short range receiver and sending the selected voice communication over a communications channel to a remote unit;  
translating the selected voice communication at the remote unit from the first language to a second language, the second language different from the first to create a translated voice communication;  
sending the translated voice communication from the remote unit over the communications channel;  
transmitting the translated voice communication to the earpiece unit using a short range transmitter; and  
transducing the translated voice communication at a speaker within the earpiece housing.

Claims 14-20 (Cancelled).

**Claim 21 (Previously presented):** A method of voice communication, comprising:  
providing a nonocclusive earpiece housing and having a plurality of inputs for receiving voice communication and a speaker;  
receiving a voice communication from at least one of the inputs;  
translating the voice communication to a different language to create a translated voice communication;  
transducing the translated voice communication at the speaker of the nonocclusive earpiece.

**Claim 22 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 21 wherein at least one of the inputs is a bone conduction sensor.

**Claim 23 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 22 wherein the nonocclusive earpiece further includes a processor.

**Claim 24 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 23 wherein the processor is adapted to perform translation of the voice communication to the translated voice communication.

Claim 25 (New): A method of voice communication comprising:  
providing an earpiece having a housing and a plurality of microphones within the earpiece housing;  
selecting at least one of the plurality of microphones within the housing of the earpiece;  
receiving a selected voice communication of a first language from the selected microphones;  
translating the selected voice communication from the first language to a second language, the second language different from the first to create a translated voice communication; and  
transducing the translated voice communication at a speaker.